

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

VICTORIA

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NOTES

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ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

The aim of this publication is to provide users with a range of the latest statistics available at the end of each month of issue. Consequently, the dates and periods shown are not always the same for each table, but are in each case the latest figures available at that time.

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SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variations from economic time series so that the effects of other influences are obvious. Seasonal variations are the systematic (though not necessarily regular) intra-year movements of economic time series. These are often the result of non-economic phenomena, such as climatic changes and regular religious festivals e.g. Christmas and Easter.

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TREND ESTIMATE

Smoothing seasonally adjusted series produces a measure of trend by removing the impact of the irregular component of the series. The trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson weighted moving average to the respective seasonally adjusted series. Readers are reminded that trend estimates are subject to revision as subsequent months' data become available.

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SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

n.a.	not available
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified
n.p.	not available for publication but included in totals where applicable
n.y.a.	not yet available
p	preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
r	figure or series revised since previous issue
*	estimate has a relative standard error greater than 25% and is therefore subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses
..	not applicable
—	nil or rounded to zero

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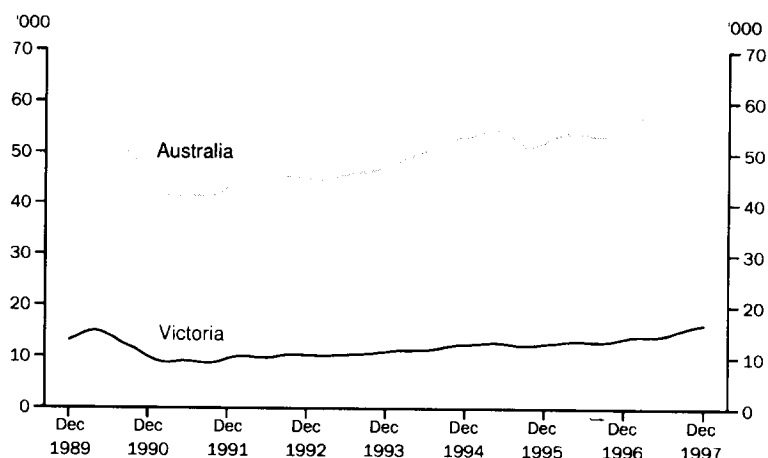
SELECTED FEATURES

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

The trend estimate of the number of new motor vehicle registrations for Victoria in December 1997 was 16,368. This figure continued the monthly increase since May 1997.

For Australia, the trend estimate of the number of new motor vehicle registrations in December 1997 was 64,593, continuing the monthly increase since October 1996.

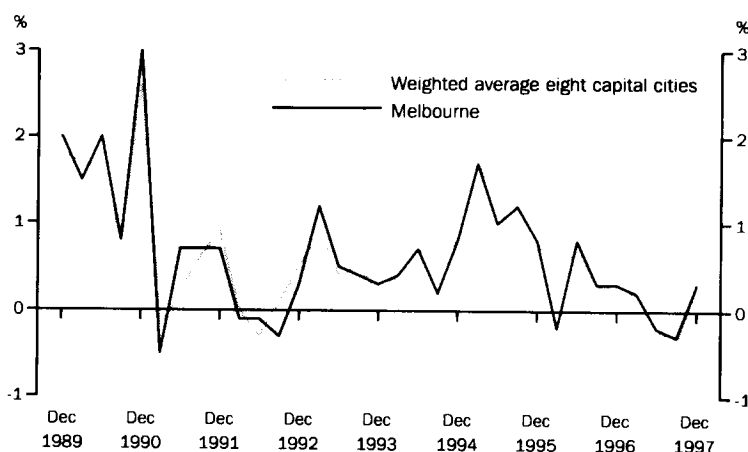
Victorian new motor vehicle registrations accounted for 25.3% of the Australian total.



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index for Melbourne in December 1997 was 119.8, which represented a change of 0.3% from the previous quarter.

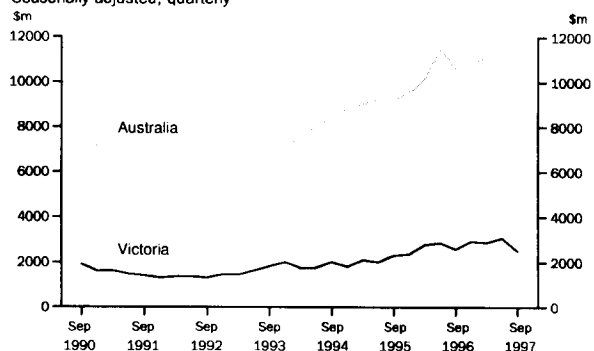
The Consumer Price Index for the weighted average of eight capital cities in December 1997 was 120.0, also representing a change of 0.3% from the previous quarter.



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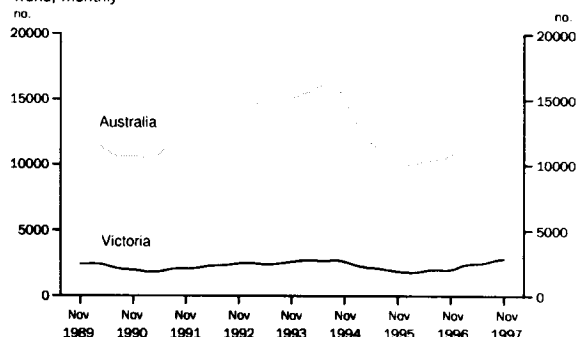
PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Seasonally adjusted, quarterly



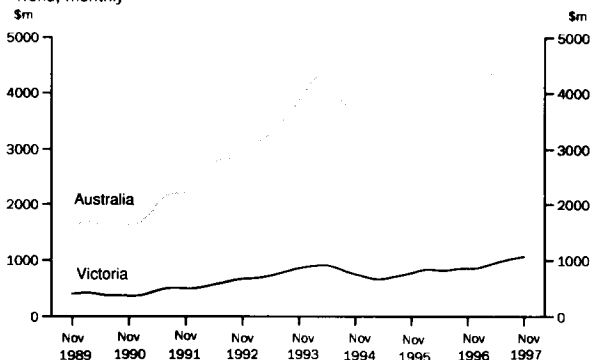
NEW DWELLING UNITS APPROVED

Trend, monthly



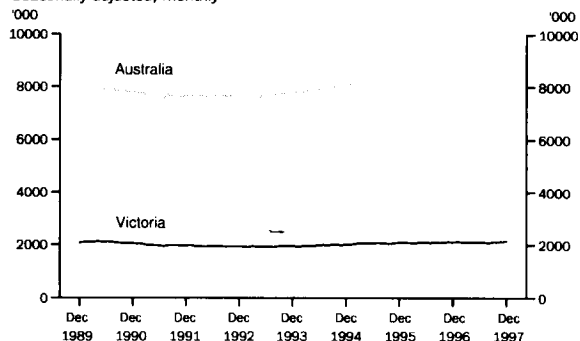
TOTAL VALUE OF SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS

Trend, monthly



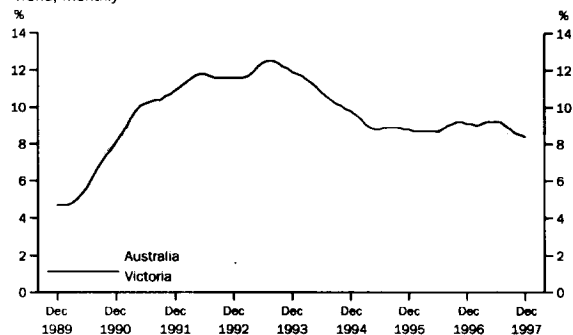
EMPLOYED PERSONS

Seasonally adjusted, monthly



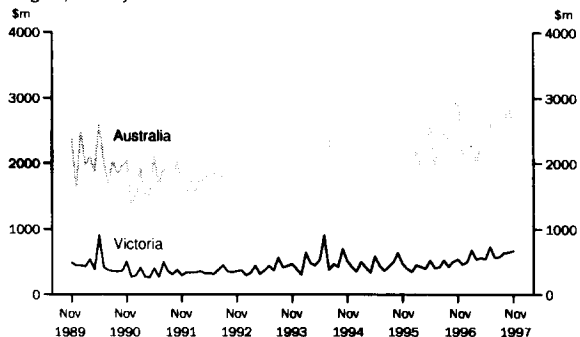
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Trend, monthly



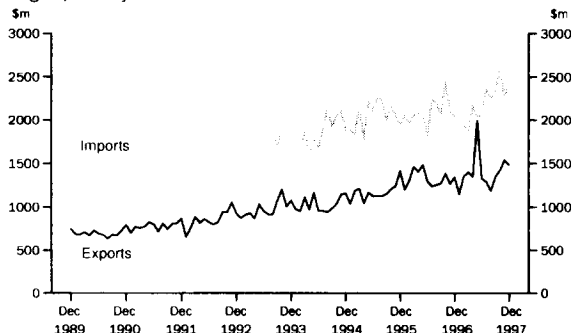
VALUE OF ALL BUILDINGS APPROVED

Original, monthly



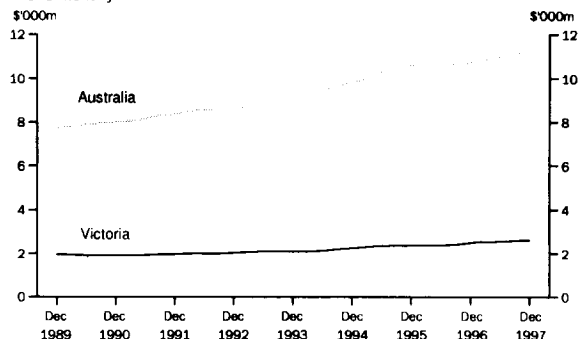
MERCHANDISE IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, VICTORIA

Original, monthly



RETAIL TURNOVER

Trend monthly



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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

Period	AT END OF PERIOD.....			INCREASE DURING PERIOD..		MEAN ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION FOR YEAR ENDED.....			Melbourne Statistical Division at 30 Jun(a)
	Males '000	Females '000	Persons '000	Natural '000	Total '000	30 Jun '000	31 Dec '000		
1994-95	2 233.4	2 284.0	4 517.4	31.3	28.6	4 502.1	4 518.6		3 217.4
1995-96	2 252.6	2 307.5	4 560.2	28.5	41.4	4 539.4	4 560.9		3 283.3
1996-97 p	2 274.3	2 330.9	4 605.1	28.3	45.0	4 583.0			3 321.7
1996									
March qtr	2 248.6	2 302.8	4 551.4	7.7	11.2	..	..		..
June qtr	2 252.6	2 307.5	4 560.2	6.7	8.4	..	..		..
September qtr	2 257.8	2 313.2	4 571.0	6.3	10.9	..	..		..
December qtr	2 262.5	2 318.8	4 581.3	7.1	10.2	..	..		..
1997									
March qtr	2 269.9	2 326.2	4 596.1	7.6	14.8	..	..		..
June qtr p	2 274.3	2 330.9	4 605.1	7.3	9.1				..

(a) Based on the 1996 Statistical Local Area boundaries. Years 1992 to 1995 are yet to be revised based on the 1996 Census results and are therefore excluded from this table.

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BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Period	NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS.....				ANNUAL RATE PER 1,000 OF MEAN ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION ...					Infant deaths per 1 000 live births
	Births	Deaths (including infant deaths)	Marriages	Divorces	Births	Deaths	Marriages	Divorces		
1994-95	63 960	32 291	26 831	11 602	14.26	7.20	5.98	2.59		5.19
1995-96	60 954	32 494	26 117	12 002	13.48	7.19	5.78	2.65		5.28
1996-97 p	61 628	32 595	25 664	13 045	13.45	7.11	5.60	2.85		4.71
1996										
March qtr	14 933	7 662	8 371	2 672	..	..	..	..		..
June qtr	15 287	7 955	6 140	2 891	..	..	..	..		..
September qtr	14 957	8 589	3 840	3 530	..	..	..	..		..
December qtr	16 352	8 508	7 723	3 398	..	..	..	..		..
Year - 1996	61 529	32 714	26 074	12 491	13.33	7.14	5.69	2.73		5.09
1997										
March qtr p	15 084	7 423	8 102	2 809	..	..	..	..		..
June qtr p	15 235	8 075	5 999	3 308	..	..	..	..		..

LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER

EMPLOYED..... UNEMPLOYED
LOOKING FOR WORK.....

Month	Full-time '000	Total '000	Full-time '000	Part-time '000	Total '000	Labour force '000	Not in labour force '000	Civilian population 15 years and over '000	Unemploy- ment rate %	Partici- pation rate %
MALES										
1996										
October	1 047.5	1 185.9	101.5	15.7	117.2	1 303.1	462.5	1 765.5	9.0	73.8
November	1 049.0	1 192.4	104.1	12.3	116.4	1 308.8	458.4	1 767.2	8.9	74.1
December	1 059.4	1 201.7	103.4	16.4	119.8	1 321.5	447.4	1 768.8	9.1	74.7
1997										
January	1 050.9	1 184.8	108.4	16.6	125.0	1 309.8	460.3	1 770.2	9.5	74.0
February	1 049.8	1 180.9	113.2	19.2	132.4	1 313.3	458.2	1 771.5	10.1	74.1
March	1 037.5	1 184.1	104.8	20.0	124.8	1 308.9	463.9	1 772.9	9.5	73.8
April	1 044.3	1 186.3	97.1	19.3	116.5	1 302.8	472.0	1 774.8	8.9	73.4
May	1 040.9	1 183.3	101.9	13.8	115.7	1 299.0	477.7	1 776.7	8.9	73.1
June	1 033.1	1 182.8	104.0	15.8	119.8	1 302.6	476.0	1 778.6	9.2	73.2
July	1 039.7	1 185.2	98.3	14.0	112.3	1 297.5	483.0	1 780.6	8.7	72.9
August	1 022.4	1 168.7	100.2	15.2	115.4	1 284.0	498.5	1 782.5	9.0	72.0
September	1 037.0	1 189.1	100.8	22.6	123.5	1 312.6	471.9	1 784.5	9.4	73.6
October	1 043.0	1 195.9	85.9	15.2	101.1	1 297.0	489.5	1 786.5	7.8	72.6
November	1 048.8	1 194.0	89.5	15.4	104.8	1 298.8	489.6	1 788.4	8.1	72.6
December	1 064.4	1 220.2	86.4	23.1	109.5	1 329.7	460.7	1 790.4	8.2	74.3
FEMALES										
1996										
October	514.1	906.1	59.8	27.7	87.5	993.6	849.4	1 842.9	8.8	53.9
November	515.4	913.3	62.9	24.9	87.8	1 001.1	843.8	1 844.9	8.8	54.3
December	520.2	918.1	63.6	32.0	95.6	1 013.7	833.1	1 846.8	9.4	54.9
1997										
January	511.9	888.2	64.1	24.1	88.2	976.4	871.9	1 848.3	9.0	52.8
February	511.1	903.0	72.0	29.6	101.7	1 004.7	845.0	1 849.7	10.1	54.3
March	501.2	904.3	63.3	32.5	95.8	1 000.1	851.0	1 851.1	9.6	54.0
April	503.8	914.2	63.0	30.4	93.4	1 007.7	845.4	1 853.1	9.3	54.4
May	503.7	907.5	61.9	30.8	92.7	1 000.2	854.9	1 855.1	9.3	53.9
June	512.1	921.1	60.6	27.0	87.6	1 008.8	848.3	1 857.1	8.7	54.3
July	523.1	917.8	56.3	25.7	82.0	999.8	859.3	1 859.0	8.2	53.8
August	498.5	891.5	57.8	29.0	86.7	978.2	882.7	1 861.0	8.9	52.6
September	520.4	932.9	59.1	29.0	88.1	1 021.0	841.9	1 862.9	8.6	54.8
October	511.9	916.1	55.4	27.3	82.8	998.8	866.0	1 864.8	8.3	53.6
November	505.6	922.1	53.2	26.5	79.7	1 001.8	865.0	1 866.8	8.0	53.7
December	530.2	934.8	55.9	26.3	82.2	1 016.9	851.8	1 868.7	8.1	54.4
PERSONS										
1996										
October	1 561.6	2 091.9	161.3	43.4	204.7	2 296.6	1 311.8	3 608.5	8.9	63.6
November	1 564.4	2 105.7	167.0	37.2	204.2	2 309.9	1 302.2	3 612.0	8.8	63.9
December	1 579.5	2 119.8	167.0	48.4	215.4	2 335.2	1 280.5	3 615.7	9.2	64.6
1997										
January	1 562.8	2 073.0	172.5	40.7	213.2	2 286.2	1 332.2	3 618.4	9.3	63.2
February	1 560.9	2 084.0	185.2	48.9	234.1	2 318.0	1 303.2	3 621.2	10.1	64.0
March	1 538.7	2 088.4	168.1	52.5	220.6	2 309.0	1 315.0	3 624.0	9.6	63.7
April	1 548.1	2 100.6	160.2	49.7	209.9	2 310.5	1 317.4	3 627.9	9.1	63.7
May	1 544.6	2 090.8	163.8	44.7	208.4	2 299.2	1 332.6	3 631.8	9.1	63.3
June	1 545.2	2 103.9	164.6	42.9	207.5	2 311.4	1 324.4	3 635.7	9.0	63.6
July	1 562.8	2 103.0	154.6	39.7	194.3	2 297.3	1 342.3	3 639.6	8.5	63.1
August	1 520.9	2 060.2	157.9	44.2	202.1	2 262.3	1 381.2	3 643.5	8.9	62.1
September	1 557.5	2 122.1	159.9	51.7	211.6	2 333.6	1 313.8	3 647.4	9.1	64.0
October	1 554.8	2 111.9	141.4	42.5	183.9	2 295.8	1 355.5	3 651.3	8.0	62.9
November	1 554.4	2 116.1	142.7	41.8	184.5	2 300.6	1 354.6	3 655.2	8.0	62.9
December	1 594.6	2 155.0	142.3	49.3	191.7	2 346.7	1 312.5	3 659.2	8.2	64.1

	Aug 1996	Nov 1996	Feb 1997	May 1997	Aug 1997	Nov 1997
Industry division	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	65.8	71.1	79.0	70.2	58.7	55.9
Mining	*3.2	4.6	*3.3	*3.0	*2.5	*3.2
Manufacturing	261.5	262.6	255.3	253.0	249.8	250.3
Electricity, gas and water supply	11.4	11.2	10.4	12.4	13.4	9.9
Construction	119.3	118.0	106.7	104.9	110.9	115.9
Wholesale trade	93.6	86.9	84.9	92.4	84.9	88.0
Retail trade	152.1	159.7	158.2	157.5	150.6	158.4
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	34.9	30.7	32.0	35.2	37.0	37.6
Transport and storage	64.5	66.2	73.9	78.4	74.8	73.5
Communication services	35.0	32.0	25.8	25.2	24.5	22.4
Finance and insurance	53.1	36.8	36.2	43.3	42.8	46.3
Property and business services	116.4	115.4	117.8	121.3	130.8	130.7
Government administration and defence	40.5	42.1	39.0	33.4	29.2	38.4
Education	47.3	52.4	47.8	47.6	48.4	52.9
Health and community services	44.1	45.8	38.5	35.6	37.5	39.7
Cultural and recreational services	24.2	20.3	26.5	21.5	25.8	28.3
Personal and other services	35.1	36.8	45.6	48.4	47.0	42.5
Total	1 182.2	1 192.4	1 180.9	1 183.3	1 168.7	1 194.0
FEMALES						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	29.0	33.7	34.1	35.2	28.0	30.8
Mining	*0.5	*0.5	*0.5	*0.0	*0.0	*0.3
Manufacturing	103.0	99.8	97.5	95.7	93.7	107.4
Electricity, gas and water supply	*2.3	*2.1	*2.9	*2.1	*1.8	*1.9
Construction	15.5	16.3	14.6	14.1	15.0	15.8
Wholesale trade	37.5	39.6	38.5	41.4	38.1	41.5
Retail trade	150.1	166.9	156.3	151.3	150.0	157.8
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	45.7	46.4	45.6	49.9	49.0	47.9
Transport and storage	18.1	20.8	25.1	23.9	18.1	18.7
Communication services	18.2	18.2	17.4	14.0	16.8	15.9
Finance and insurance	45.0	40.5	44.6	49.8	47.8	42.2
Property and business services	96.0	101.3	91.4	94.6	107.6	101.5
Government administration and defence	38.9	40.7	44.3	41.7	39.3	41.9
Education	90.6	89.4	84.7	89.2	90.7	89.0
Health and community services	143.4	141.9	147.0	145.1	144.7	148.9
Cultural and recreational services	24.8	20.3	23.2	21.9	19.4	25.3
Personal and other services	34.5	35.0	35.4	39.6	31.4	35.0
Total	893.2	913.3	903.0	907.5	891.5	922.1
PERSONS						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	94.9	104.7	113.1	103.4	86.8	86.7
Mining	*3.7	5.1	*3.8	*3.0	*2.5	*3.6
Manufacturing	364.5	362.4	352.7	348.7	343.5	357.7
Electricity, gas and water supply	13.7	13.3	13.3	14.5	15.2	11.9
Construction	134.9	134.2	121.4	119.0	125.9	131.7
Wholesale trade	131.1	126.5	123.4	133.8	123.1	129.5
Retail trade	302.2	326.5	314.5	308.8	300.5	316.2
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	80.6	77.1	77.6	85.1	86.0	85.5
Transport and storage	82.6	86.9	99.0	102.3	92.9	92.2
Communication services	53.2	50.3	43.2	39.1	41.3	38.3
Finance and insurance	78.1	77.2	80.8	93.1	90.6	88.5
Property and business services	212.4	216.7	209.1	215.9	238.5	232.2
Government administration and defence	79.5	82.8	83.3	75.1	68.5	80.3
Education	137.9	141.8	132.5	136.8	139.0	142.0
Health and community services	187.5	187.6	185.5	180.7	182.2	188.6
Cultural and recreational services	49.0	40.6	49.7	43.4	45.2	53.6
Personal and other services	69.5	71.8	81.0	88.0	78.4	77.6
Total	2 075.4	2 105.7	2 084.0	2 090.8	2 060.2	2 116.1

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JOB VACANCIES

	INDUSTRY.....			SECTOR.....		
	Vacancies all persons	Manu- facturing	Other	Public	Private	Job vacancy rate
Month	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
1996						
August	13.6	*2.0	11.6	1.7	11.9	0.83
November	12.8	2.0	10.8	1.9	10.9	0.75
1997						
February	12.8	*3.3	9.5	1.7	*11.1	0.75
May	11.5	*2.1	9.4	1.9	9.6	0.66
August	17.4	1.5	15.8	2.4	*14.9	0.97
November	*17.9	1.1	*16.8	2.3	*15.6	*0.97

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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

Period	NUMBER OF DISPUTES.....		EMPLOYEES INVOLVED ('000)		WORKING DAYS LOST ('000).....				
	Beginning in period	Total	Beginning in period	Total	Manu- facturing	Con- struction	Education, health, community services	Other industries	Total
1996									
August	6	8	7.8	8.9	41.7	—	2.4	0.6	44.7
September	10	11	6.1	6.5	6.3	5.8	0.1	—	12.2
October	11	13	3.0	3.4	4.3	1.2	0.5	0.1	6.0
November	9	12	15.3	15.4	1.9	—	10.2	1.6	13.7
December	9	11	1.6	5.5	1.0	0.4	1.9	0.6	3.9
1997									
January	3	5	0.9	1.4	—	1.1	—	0.1	1.1
February	6	7	9.9	10.3	—	3.0	7.7	—	10.7
March	8	8	8.8	8.8	0.5	2.3	—	5.3	8.1
April	11	12	4.7	5.1	9.2	1.5	—	0.5	11.2
May	16	19	7.6	9.8	11.6	0.6	0.4	3.9	16.5
June	7	13	2.0	5.1	3.5	0.2	1.2	2.5	7.4
July	11	14	9.0	9.4	2.3	0.5	—	7.2	10.0
August	11	14	1.9	4.0	0.2	0.9	0.3	4.0	5.4
September	14	18	4.8	7.3	11.2	1.0	0.1	6.0	18.3
October	10	12	49.4	50.2	30.4	18.6	1.1	6.6	56.7

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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES

	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All males total earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All females total earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All employees total earnings</i>
<i>Reference period</i>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1996									
May	702.90	764.30	673.20	594.20	607.30	441.90	666.50	711.70	570.00
August	697.60	756.00	662.30	588.00	601.70	432.30	659.70	702.60	557.80
November	720.30	791.80	686.50	607.10	625.80	443.80	681.20	734.50	577.50
1997									
February	726.60	782.50	687.70	611.90	625.90	462.40	687.70	729.40	590.00
May	736.90	789.10	676.20	618.50	636.70	453.90	693.90	733.80	572.70
August	754.20	812.70	695.20	625.80	643.40	460.40	708.10	751.90	587.20

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—Melbourne

MELBOURNE.....

Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transport- ation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education	All groups	Weighted average of eight capital cities — All groups
1994-95	110.1	107.4	97.5	111.1	118.8	137.3	142.4	116.7	114.1	113.9
1995-96	114.1	108.0	101.4	113.0	122.6	154.2	148.7	120.3	118.4	118.7
1996-97	118.6	108.4	95.0	114.7	124.0	158.5	157.1	123.3	119.9	120.3
1996										
September qtr	117.5	108.5	99.6	114.2	123.1	158.3	152.0	121.1	119.6	120.1
December qtr	118.4	108.4	96.7	114.9	124.1	158.0	155.3	122.0	119.9	120.3
1997										
March qtr	118.8	108.1	93.5	114.6	125.1	158.4	158.4	125.2	120.1	120.5
June qtr	119.6	108.4	90.1	115.0	123.8	159.4	162.7	124.8	119.9	120.2
September qtr	119.8	108.5	88.7	114.6	124.6	158.6	157.3	126.0	119.5	119.7
December qtr	119.7	109.2	86.9	115.4	124.4	161.2	162.2	126.2	119.8	120.0

Base of each group: year 1989-90=100.0.

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PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING—Melbourne

1997.....

Group	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	Jun qtr	Sept qtr	Dec qtr	Weighted average of six state capital cities — Dec qtr 1997
House building							
All groups	115.9	115.4	115.3	115.8	116.1	116.6	117.9
Other than house building							
Structural timber	123.0	116.1	110.1	112.8	114.4	115.3	119.9
Clay bricks	112.3	112.1	113.1	114.6	116.1	116.1	112.7
Ready mixed concrete	124.2	118.6	111.5	112.0	111.2	111.4	107.2
Precast concrete products	104.8	108.1	110.3	111.8	111.8	112.4	119.2
Steel decking and cladding	106.5	109.9	109.2	111.3	110.4	110.5	115.2
Structural steel	95.3	100.9	104.2	105.1	105.1	105.1	113.6
Reinforcing steel bar, mesh, etc.	101.8	102.7	100.7	100.6	100.6	100.8	112.7
Aluminium windows	98.8	100.8	100.6	100.5	100.4	100.7	109.0
Fabricated steel products	110.7	113.1	116.7	119.3	119.3	119.5	116.3
Builders' hardware	113.7	114.5	116.5	117.8	118.6	119.5	119.0
Sand and aggregate	118.5	114.6	115.9	116.8	116.4	116.4	121.1
Carpet	98.5	101.6	101.6	102.9	102.9	102.9	102.2
Paint and other coatings	131.2	141.2	145.8	142.3	143.5	143.5	135.7
Non-ferrous pipes and fittings	100.8	112.2	111.5	112.6	113.8	118.7	138.0
All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	108.5	109.7	110.0	110.7	110.6	110.9	114.0
All electrical materials	113.5	119.4	112.0	110.8	110.4	109.8	115.6
All mechanical services	108.9	114.1	114.9	114.7	114.8	114.8	115.2
All plumbing materials	112.6	118.9	120.1	120.9	121.6	124.3	130.2
All groups	108.9	111.1	110.9	111.3	111.2	111.3	114.0

Base of each index: year 1989-90=100.0.

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS

	<i>Cattle</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep</i>	<i>Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Chickens</i>
<i>Period</i>	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1993-94	1 393.9	583.4	3 975.9	5 600.8	1 188.5	85 797.9
1994-95	1 445.6	641.3	3 202.6	6 263.8	1 196.6	79 799.4
1995-96	1 523.6	589.8	2 488.0	5 897.7	1 142.1	85 410.9
1996						
October	146.6	70.9	251.8	551.1	102.8	8 282.4
November	131.7	19.4	251.0	546.8	94.3	6 957.6
December	138.4	8.7	274.8	528.3	103.0	7 780.8
1997						
January	159.3	7.9	324.5	533.6	92.9	7 661.6
February	148.8	6.6	304.8	460.0	96.8	6 863.8
March	131.2	15.9	234.3	466.0	90.2	6 520.7
April	165.6	42.4	261.1	559.2	111.1	7 244.5
May	155.2	55.9	225.4	518.7	113.4	6 867.5
June	140.1	75.5	174.5	475.4	105.2	6 692.3
July	148.0	101.5	188.8	524.6	118.8	8 263.5
August	141.7	138.0	202.3	505.4	104.7	7 152.4
September	129.4	170.6	226.8	532.9	107.9	7 546.2
October	148.7	78.7	303.1	584.6	107.7	8 442.6
November r	104.5	27.3	279.7	567.3	98.7	7 187.8
December	148.8	10.8	285.4	577.1	112.5	7 240.7

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MEAT PRODUCTION

MEAT (CARCASS WEIGHT).....

	<i>Beef</i>	<i>Veal</i>	<i>Mutton</i>	<i>Lamb</i>	<i>Pigmeat</i>	<i>Dressed weight of chickens</i>
<i>Period</i>	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1993-94	315 279	13 466	85 010	101 386	78 488	123 529
1994-95	320 510	14 320	63 608	110 138	84 411	110 971
1995-96	348 649	12 009	50 910	110 172	83 052	127 736
1996						
October	33 045	1 433	5 217	10 159	7 416	12 457
November	29 544	431	5 067	10 085	6 671	10 453
December	31 543	226	5 610	9 866	7 365	11 780
1997						
January	35 911	218	6 485	10 024	6 607	11 173
February	33 270	174	5 915	8 720	6 835	11 030
March	28 955	363	4 469	8 804	6 312	9 188
April	36 387	895	4 990	10 656	7 972	10 256
May	33 595	1 106	4 301	9 841	8 236	10 367
June	30 242	1 461	3 459	9 041	8 595	9 999
July	31 437	2 002	3 676	9 804	8 593	13 039
August	30 122	2 751	3 887	9 487	7 622	10 842
September	28 191	3 407	4 440	9 911	7 926	11 910
October	32 238	1 594	6 003	10 791	7 994	13 479
November r	30 920	613	5 459	10 583	7 202	11 500
December	32 534	260	5 584	10 860	7 872	11 823

NEW DWELLING UNITS(a).....

NON-
RESIDENTIAL
BUILDING(b).....

Period	Private sector.....		Public sector.....		Total(c).....		Conversions, etc.(d)		Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Private sector	Total	Total all building
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m		\$m	\$m	\$m
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION												
1994-95	20 916	2 113.1	888	69.8	21 804	2 182.9	1 330	571.9		1 072.3	1 655.8	4 410.6
1995-96	15 676	1 624.3	1 068	86.5	16 744	1 710.8	617	467.2		1 352.5	1 934.5	4 112.5
1996-97	19 648	2 183.1	447	35.8	20 095	2 218.9	1 189	592.3		1 527.1	2 303.0	5 114.1
1996												
September	1 275	135.1	57	3.0	1 332	138.1	30	42.0		117.8	151.5	331.6
October	1 683	172.3	31	2.9	1 714	175.2	116	53.3		132.0	175.1	403.6
November	1 297	145.8	21	1.1	1 318	146.9	40	40.2		130.1	242.8	430.0
December	1 270	139.4	17	1.8	1 287	141.3	208	39.0		142.8	162.1	342.4
1997												
January	1 561	162.2	37	6.0	1 598	168.2	24	39.1		168.7	202.1	409.5
February	1 736	188.4	9	0.6	1 745	189.0	223	65.0		140.2	272.0	525.9
March	1 848	195.1	12	1.2	1 860	196.3	36	50.7		150.7	184.1	431.1
April	1 823	199.4	56	5.8	1 879	205.2	76	51.8		129.6	156.8	413.9
May	1 963	241.9	23	1.2	1 986	243.2	70	49.0		106.4	136.6	428.8
June	1 744	214.5	4	0.2	1 748	214.6	300	74.2		103.0	351.4	640.2
July	1 998	216.9	38	1.9	2 036	218.9	25	51.1		132.1	176.2	446.2
August	2 468	253.7	78	7.4	2 546	261.1	55	54.2		122.8	142.0	457.3
September	2 152	239.1	57	3.8	2 209	242.9	222	68.5		173.5	192.1	503.6
October	1 802	203.3	77	7.0	1 879	210.3	64	69.0		180.0	238.3	517.6
November	2 450	291.7	71	4.9	2 521	296.6	52	49.1		195.8	213.6	559.3
TOTAL VICTORIA												
1994-95	28 509	2 772.2	1 409	101.8	29 918	2 874.0	1 347	685.1		1 274.7	1 975.2	5 534.3
1995-96	21 643	2 171.1	1 401	108.7	23 044	2 279.7	663	590.1		1 721.6	2 452.4	5 322.3
1996-97	26 014	2 793.3	596	46.7	26 610	2 839.9	1 240	728.5		1 879.7	2 839.8	6 408.2
1996												
September	1 780	183.8	71	4.0	1 851	187.9	43	53.3		140.3	182.2	423.3
October	2 272	226.6	41	3.5	2 313	230.2	120	66.3		153.5	205.5	502.0
November	1 832	196.9	46	2.8	1 878	199.7	43	52.1		157.7	286.5	538.3
December	1 763	186.9	26	2.8	1 789	189.7	216	49.4		177.7	221.6	460.8
1997												
January	2 039	209.6	49	6.9	2 088	216.4	25	50.1		188.9	226.6	493.1
February	2 274	239.7	17	1.1	2 291	240.8	225	76.8		173.1	359.4	677.0
March	2 407	249.8	12	1.2	2 419	251.0	37	63.1		180.8	225.1	539.2
April	2 380	254.5	77	7.3	2 457	261.8	80	63.5		202.0	237.0	562.3
May	2 565	298.9	37	2.2	2 602	301.1	74	62.5		135.6	178.3	541.9
June	2 255	264.5	11	0.6	2 266	265.0	302	84.6		120.3	382.1	731.8
July	2 563	275.5	42	2.3	2 605	277.8	27	62.9		161.8	227.9	568.6
August	3 084	316.0	79	7.7	3 163	323.7	57	65.7		159.5	184.5	573.9
September	2 824	307.6	113	7.2	2 937	314.8	225	83.6		209.9	242.2	640.6
October	2 505	273.8	112	9.2	2 617	283.0	64	84.4		204.8	279.2	646.7
November	3 083	354.6	110	7.5	3 193	362.1	54	60.1		213.5	247.3	669.5

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

(b) Valued at \$50,000 and over.

(c) Excludes dwelling units created as a result of conversions of buildings or construction of non-residential buildings.

(d) Dwelling units created as a result of conversions of buildings or construction of non-residential buildings.

	NEW HOUSES.....				NEW OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS....			
	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Commenced</i>	<i>Under construction</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Commenced</i>	<i>Under construction</i>	<i>Completed</i>
1994-95	25 885	25 846	10 668	27 380	4 033	3 612	2 765	2 892
1995-96	18 889	19 399	8 066	21 883	4 155	4 276	3 906	3 086
1996-97 r	19 805	18 652	8 937	17 613	6 805	6 047	4 151	5 727
1996								
June qtr	4 438	4 102	8 066	4 394	1 385	1 427	3 906	629
September qtr	4 631	4 453	8 623	3 848	1 876	1 722	4 111	1 480
December qtr	4 456	4 139	7 624	5 081	1 524	1 238	4 046	1 294
1997								
March qtr	4 924	4 597	8 176	3 997	1 874	1 560	4 046	1 553
June qtr r	5 794	5 463	8 937	4 687	1 531	1 527	4 151	1 400
September qtr p	6 732	5 578	9 519	4 980	1 973	1 754	3 852	1 986

RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.....			NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.....						
	Alterations and New additions		Shops	Factories	Offices	Education	Health	Other	Total
Period	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
COMMENCED									
1994-95	2 907.7	678.6	323.4	211.4	384.2	293.3	140.8	583.8	5 523.2
1995-96	2 486.2	679.7	444.3	249.2	393.5	330.0	108.4	953.5	5 644.8
1996-97 r	2 692.2	761.0	348.2	343.8	508.5	410.3	303.6	1 003.3	6 371.1
1996									
June qtr	598.8	206.8	110.0	67.3	84.1	96.2	35.2	144.8	1 343.1
September qtr	648.1	152.8	90.4	95.9	179.1	70.7	101.9	129.9	1 468.8
December qtr	587.6	184.3	72.3	80.4	111.1	66.2	49.8	275.6	1 427.3
1997									
March qtr	666.8	188.9	88.3	93.2	114.0	59.4	48.5	228.4	1 487.5
June qtr r	789.7	235.0	97.2	74.4	104.3	214.1	103.4	369.6	1 987.6
September qtr p	820.7	217.7	76.4	55.5	113.9	53.4	44.0	233.8	1 615.4
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD									
1994-95	1 450.8	354.3	480.6	142.9	241.9	217.3	251.0	1 092.6	4 231.4
1995-96	1 472.5	339.4	235.5	141.4	139.2	248.1	123.9	1 390.9	4 091.0
1996-97 r	1 582.3	358.5	284.6	214.9	233.4	310.0	236.7	1 741.7	4 961.6
1996									
June qtr	1 472.5	339.4	235.5	141.4	139.2	248.1	123.9	1 390.9	4 091.0
September qtr	1 513.8	297.3	275.5	199.4	199.4	262.2	146.2	1 426.4	4 320.3
December qtr	1 402.4	284.5	249.8	183.6	201.8	224.3	157.9	1 594.5	4 298.8
1997									
March qtr	1 456.0	309.3	237.7	227.1	228.6	188.1	172.5	1 801.3	4 620.4
June qtr r	1 582.3	358.5	284.6	214.9	233.4	310.0	236.2	1 741.7	4 961.6
September qtr p	1 660.5	385.4	175.0	176.9	193.0	341.6	244.9	916.0	4 093.3
COMPLETED									
1994-95	2 882.5	709.8	313.6	253.1	290.7	228.8	387.3	521.5	5 587.3
1995-96	2 489.6	689.0	715.1	249.9	514.1	302.2	234.7	844.4	6 038.9
1996-97 r	2 617.6	768.5	364.8	295.6	404.0	342.0	194.6	1 106.7	6 093.8
1996									
June qtr	521.4	147.7	217.6	60.0	98.1	72.9	33.9	392.8	1 544.6
September qtr	606.0	204.1	85.6	41.5	119.6	55.7	79.2	175.6	1 367.4
December qtr	710.6	200.5	106.0	110.8	79.2	103.1	39.0	220.4	1 569.5
1997									
March qtr	616.3	168.6	121.2	56.9	100.5	88.1	34.8	271.0	1 457.4
June qtr r	684.7	195.3	52.0	86.5	104.6	95.0	41.5	439.9	1 699.5
September qtr p	759.8	197.7	189.5	102.5	161.5	30.6	38.3	1 095.6	2 575.3

STATEMENT OF BUDGET SECTOR TRANSACTIONS(a)

	Budget estimate 1996-97	Actual 5 months to 30.11.1996	Actual 5 months to 30.11.1995
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Departmental outlays			
Education	3 738.2	1 606.9	1 465.6
Human services	5 221.3	1 969.7	1 761.2
Infrastructure	1 655.4	664.7	726.7
Justice	1 477.7	632.0	502.3
Natural resources and environment	459.6	203.5	151.8
Parliament	71.5	21.8	19.0
Premier and cabinet	290.1	102.3	106.8
State development	317.9	76.4	111.2
Treasurer and finance	1 271.7	-664.8	1 091.3
Commonwealth grants on-passed	852.1	428.0	409.2
Total	15 355.5	5 040.5	6 345.1
less			
Superannuation contributions	—	—	94.6
Capital charge received	262.1	24.2	—
Payroll tax paid by departments	254.9	103.9	99.5
Total departmental outlays	14 838.5	4 912.4	6 151.0
Current outlays	14 459.1	5 945.9	5 684.6
Capital outlays	379.5	-1 033.6	466.4
Revenue and grants received			
Revenue			
Taxes, fees and fines			
Payroll tax	2 123.9	882.6	822.6
Stamp duty on financial and capital transactions	1 015.2	540.6	366.8
State deficit levy on rateable properties	0.5	1.0	5.0
Financial institutions transaction taxes	582.5	249.7	239.4
Franchise fees	1 471.7	561.2	454.9
Motor vehicle taxes	821.3	363.0	351.7
Land taxes	407.0	24.0	23.7
Gambling taxes	1 151.7	471.3	416.6
Public authority contribution	317.5	170.4	181.3
Taxes on insurance	334.5	146.8	143.1
Other taxes, fees and fines	205.2	104.9	84.0
Total taxes, fees and fines	8 431.0	3 515.6	3 089.1
Other revenue			
Interest received	106.4	24.7	11.5
Rent and royalties	57.3	11.1	17.7
Income from public trading and financial enterprises	1 273.0	780.1	512.0
Other state revenue	48.5	39.0	33.9
Total other revenue	1 485.2	854.8	575.1
Grants			
Grants received from Commonwealth	6 239.6	2 550.3	2 399.3
Commonwealth grants for on-passing	852.1	430.8	410.0
Total grants	7 091.7	2 981.1	2 809.3
Total revenue and grants received	17 007.9	7 351.5	6 473.5
Financing transactions			
Net advances from Commonwealth	-34.8	-2.8	-214.7
Other net borrowing	-2 023.3	-2 843.2	-1 627.6
Other, including changes in cash balances and investments	-111.2	406.8	1 519.6
Total financing transactions	-2 169.3	-2 439.2	-322.7

(a) This monthly statement of budget sector transactions (Neimeyer Statement) is presented in *Government Finance Statistics* format. No monthly figures beyond November 1996 are currently available.

Source: Treasurer of Victoria.

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PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, By Selected Industries and Type of Asset

Period	SELECTED INDUSTRIES.....				TYPE OF ASSET.....	
	Mining	Manu- facturing	Other selected industries	Total	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m

ACTUAL						
1994-95	603	3 034	3 896	7 533	1 535	5 998
1995-96	590	3 544	6 160	10 294	3 126	7 168
1996-97	758	3 447	7 291	11 496	3 378	8 117
1996						
June qtr	109	925	1 967	3 001	953	2 048
September qtr	125	808	1 640	2 573	789	1 784
December qtr	301	987	1 862	3 150	1 039	2 110
1997						
March qtr	162	772	1 613	2 547	789	1 758
June qtr r	170	880	2 176	3 226	761	2 465
September qtr	162	765	1 560	2 486	669	1 817

EXPECTED						
1997-98	844	2 698	5 103	8 644	2 876	5 769

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COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS

Period	FIXED LOAN FACILITIES.....						TYPE OF LENDER			
	Construction	Purchase of real property	Purchase of plant and equipment	Wholesale	Other	Total	Revolving credit facilities	Total commit- ments	Banks	All other lenders
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m

1996										
September	75.1	248.3	190.0	69.0	896.0	1 478.5	1 300.6	2 779.1	2 384.9	394.1
October	146.3	290.8	185.7	97.8	353.3	1 074.0	1 593.6	2 667.6	2 046.4	621.2
November	76.4	290.8	176.0	78.0	525.7	1 147.1	1 913.0	3 060.1	2 105.2	954.9
December	82.8	293.8	172.5	69.1	705.7	1 324.0	1 546.0	2 870.0	2 078.9	791.1
1997										
January	54.7	284.2	131.8	69.3	450.7	990.7	2 538.2	3 528.9	1 688.3	1 840.6
February	77.4	310.8	140.1	74.6	316.8	919.6	1 711.3	2 630.9	2 159.6	471.3
March	92.8	369.0	183.2	84.8	707.3	1 437.2	1 113.6	2 550.8	2 203.7	347.1
April	76.8	355.2	166.4	79.3	443.5	1 121.3	2 092.8	3 214.1	2 826.2	387.9
May	78.7	738.2	154.5	90.2	863.5	1 925.1	2 425.8	4 350.9	3 738.8	612.1
June	75.4	408.9	172.8	120.2	824.8	1 602.2	2 232.2	3 834.4	2 929.6	904.8
July r	134.1	439.1	178.7	148.9	1 162.2	2 063.0	2 470.0	4 533.0	3 757.0	776.0
August r	98.8	411.9	168.5	93.7	692.8	1 465.7	2 193.6	3 659.3	2 827.0	832.3
September r	153.7	500.3	179.2	124.4	583.9	1 541.6	2 560.3	4 101.9	3 545.9	556.0
October	93.0	549.4	279.7	222.0	471.8	1 615.9	2 512.8	4 128.7	3 180.7	948.0
November	77.4	463.8	138.0	60.2	525.1	1 264.6	1 475.9	2 740.5	2 279.0	461.5

Period	Original series.....		Seasonally adjusted		Trend estimates.....	
	Dwelling units	\$m	Dwelling units	\$m	Dwelling units	\$m
1996						
September	10 153	900	10 321	909	9 507	850
October	9 947	903	9 407	858	9 506	854
November	8 743	798	9 044	830	9 389	853
December	8 557	810	9 140	837	9 233	852
1997						
January	7 816	741	9 284	865	9 157	861
February	8 759	818	9 021	857	9 214	881
March	8 634	839	9 172	914	9 352	907
April	10 637	1 031	9 778	954	9 510	936
May	10 302	1 018	9 796	972	9 635	960
June	10 081	1 022	9 784	992	9 731	981
July	10 199	1 039	9 564	955	9 803	1 001
August	9 890	1 031	9 777	1 040	9 859	1 020
September r	10 063	1 060	10 138	1 047	9 919	1 040
October r	10 528	1 108	9 926	1 050	9 978	1 059
November	9 584	1 020	10 075	1 091	10 038	1 075

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1996								
October	1 061.6	203.9	163.2	341.1	150.2	245.2	311.4	2 476.5
November	1 063.5	250.8	154.3	351.3	159.7	261.0	316.0	2 556.6
December	1 185.9	442.4	218.4	446.1	246.7	363.9	363.3	3 266.6
1997								
January	1 108.7	197.4	153.2	347.3	144.8	220.6	321.1	2 493.1
February	1 009.1	171.9	118.2	320.1	132.2	220.5	284.9	2 256.9
March	1 084.0	214.3	143.1	319.9	142.2	229.8	326.0	2 459.1
April	1 053.7	212.6	173.4	325.2	147.0	242.5	310.7	2 465.2
May	1 104.6	241.0	169.8	327.6	141.1	254.6	304.8	2 543.5
June	1 028.5	200.4	147.1	333.1	134.8	235.7	288.4	2 367.9
July	1 069.4	226.3	164.2	331.4	139.6	254.6	305.0	2 490.5
August	1 069.6	198.2	148.1	336.7	144.1	268.8	307.6	2 473.0
September	1 047.4	226.6	154.5	325.1	151.6	272.7	304.8	2 482.6
October	1 124.7	232.6	168.7	372.2	162.6	271.5	328.4	2 660.7
November r	1 100.9	272.3	178.6	373.2	169.4	264.7	320.3	2 679.4
December	1 256.2	465.3	245.5	482.1	250.5	383.6	371.5	3 454.7

Section	1996-97.....		6 MONTHS ENDING DEC 1997.....	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals chiefly for food	1 002	3 674	580	1 804
1 Beverages and tobacco	103	124	72	79
2 Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)	536	1 739	297	968
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	1 934	887	386	486
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats, and waxes	95	83	50	50
5 Chemicals and related products, n.e.c.	2 478	877	1 393	464
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3 706	2 323	2 184	1 232
7 Machinery and transport equipment	10 956	1 392	6 274	1 622
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4 351	993	2 603	550
9 Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, n.e.c.	932	2 218	421	1 001
Total	125 093	116 309	14 260	8 256

Country	1995-96.....		1996-97.....		6 MONTHS ENDING DEC 1997.....	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Belgium-Luxembourg	253	74	242	66	123	26
Brazil	174	77	125	81	74	44
Canada	453	101	394	123	193	56
China	1 675	641	1 755	658	1 113	333
Fiji	60	215	119	236	71	132
Finland	239	9	169	8	106	5
France	536	143	711	162	335	99
Germany	1 994	264	1 923	280	1 035	119
Hong Kong	241	821	267	812	182	566
India	234	139	231	239	147	102
Indonesia	378	367	r507	428	302	193
Italy	807	249	832	320	455	220
Japan	3 429	1 952	3 097	r1 525	1 974	824
Korea, Republic of	634	1 921	671	2 098	393	746
Malaysia	458	737	508	669	320	325
Mexico	55	43	64	52	35	36
Netherlands	233	60	237	39	125	29
New Zealand	1 207	1 598	1 247	r2 141	685	785
Pakistan	72	77	75	55	51	63
Papua New Guinea	128	237	232	269	94	128
Philippines	117	339	108	372	62	213
Saudi Arabia	225	194	r203	168	54	114
Singapore	571	1 162	r468	893	238	511
South Africa	83	207	100	292	69	129
Sweden	591	69	502	65	323	22
Switzerland	288	45	241	66	130	11
Taiwan	773	663	r792	696	449	361
Thailand	322	513	335	412	199	190
United Kingdom	1 502	373	1 635	416	840	227
United States of America	5 839	788	5 944	958	3 217	647
Other and unknown	1 092	1 332	r1 359	r1 710	866	1 000
Total	24 663	15 410	r25 093	r16 309	14 260	8 256

(a) The list of countries in this table reflects the volume of trade with Victoria.

Information about Victoria's trade with other countries is available on request.

VICTORIA.....				AUSTRALIA.....		
Period	Imports	Exports	Excess of exports	Imports	Exports (incl. re-exports)	Excess of exports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1994-95	23 967	13 008	-10 959	74 619	67 052	-7 567
1995-96	24 663	15 410	-9 253	77 792	76 005	-1 787
1996-97 r	25 093	16 309	-8 784	78 998	78 935	-63
1996						
October	r2 444	1 382	r-1 062	7 304	6 656	-648
November	r2 098	1 264	r-834	6 573	6 374	-199
December	r2 046	1 340	r-706	6 694	6 737	+43
1997						
January	r1 977	1 146	r-831	6 425	6 019	-406
February	r1 935	1 349	r-586	6 072	6 425	353
March	1 865	1 396	-469	5 985	6 633	648
April	2 165	1 347	-818	6 749	r6 637	r+112
May	2 025	1 992	-33	6 448	7 630	+1 182
June r	2 064	1 324	-740	6 877	6 838	-39
July r	2 360	1 287	-1 073	7 419	7 126	-293
August r	2 265	1 184	-1 081	7 050	7 184	+134
September r	2 338	1 345	-993	7 357	7 198	-159
October r	2 605	1 420	-1 185	7 945	7 619	-326
November r	2 264	1 536	-728	7 196	7 631	+435
December	2 428	1 484	-944	7 925	7 902	-23

HOTELS, MOTELS, ETC. WITH FACILITIES					SHORT-TERM CARAVAN PARKS.....			
Period	Establish-ments	Capacity, guest rooms	Room occupancy rates	Takings from accommodation	Establish-ments	Capacity, sites and cabins	Site occupancy rates	Takings from accommodation
	no.	no.	%	\$'000	no.	no.	%	\$'000
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION								
1996								
June qtr	243	14 644	68	105 834	53	5 724	47	1 510
September qtr	239	14 440	66	100 835	53	5 728	44	1 771
December qtr	241	14 509	71	114 046	52	5 877	51	2 262
1997								
March qtr	240	14 456	74	125 553	52	5 899	59	2 368
June qtr	240	14 953	67	111 910	52	5 878	46	1 618
September qtr	249	15 142	67	119 066	51	5 689	46	1 785
TOTAL VICTORIA								
1996								
June qtr	1 021	30 007	54	142 716	439	54 060	39	12 016
September qtr	1 013	29 877	52	141 778	441	54 226	36	12 239
December qtr	1 013	29 918	56	152 611	441	54 390	41	17 402
1997								
March qtr	1 012	29 869	60	169 396	442	54 394	49	21 407
June qtr	1 012	30 325	53	148 700	440	54 056	39	12 340
September qtr	1 046	30 799	53	163 681	442	53 873	37	13 513

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